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For POLYPROPYLENE GRAFT COPOLYMER/)
FLUORINATED POLYOLEFIN BLENDS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

This is a response to the Office action mailed September 9, 2002. A petition for a one month extension of time is attached.

REMARKS

The rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is traversed. The term "polymerized monomer" as it appears in at least claim 1 and 11 is said to lack antecedent basis within claims 1 and 11 in that the term "polymerized monomer" appears only once in these claims. The phrase "... having graft polymerized thereto a monomer" provides antecedent basis for "polymerized monomer".

The term "ratio" is unclear since it is not stated whether the ratio is a weight ratio or mole ratio or volume ratio, etc. The amount of fluorinated olefin polymer is given in wt. % in the preceding line. The Examiner is also referred to page 13 of the specification at lines 1-2, where it is stated that all percentages and parts are by weight unless otherwise specified. This should also clarify the Examiner's objection that it is not clear what applicant's percentages are based upon.